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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7237

BILL NUMBER: HB 1596

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 26, 2015

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Resource Officer Training.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lawson L

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Law Enforcement Training-* The bill requires all law enforcement training academies to include instruction on youth and adolescent development, age-appropriate interactions, and de-escalation techniques as part of basic training curriculums.

School Resource Officer Training- The bill requires that specialized training requirements for school resource officers include instruction on youth and adolescent development, criminal conduct, criminal prosecution, abuse and neglect, conflict resolution, de-escalation techniques, learning disabilities, emotional issues, behavioral issues, and rehabilitative social services or resources.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Law Enforcement Training-* The Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board would be able to adopt the required training requirements during regular meetings of the Board. This provision could add additional hours of instruction to the training schedule for the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy's (ILEA) Tier 1 basic course. Currently, ILEA recruits take 600 hours of training in the Tier 1 basic course. Unless the ILEA already requires the training required by the bill, the ILEA would have to adjust the training schedule in order to accommodate the new training. Costs could be alleviated if any specialized instructors needed could be obtained from volunteers or for minimal stipend.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *School Resource Officer Training-* Under current law, a school resource officer has to receive at least 40 hours of training. This bill outlines some specific training

requirements the officer is to receive. Any change in current school expenditures would depend on whether the number of training hours required under the curriculum outlined in the bill is more or less than the amount of training hours under the current curriculum. It may be possible for schools to apply for further grants from the Department of Homeland Security to provide for any additional training costs that could occur.

Law Enforcement Training- Similar to the ILEA, local law enforcement training academies would have to add the required instruction in their basic course, if they do not already do so. The in-service training of law enforcement officers could also be alleviated by the use of volunteer instructors.

Additional Information- The FY 2014 and FY 2015 biennial state budget appropriated \$20 M for secured school safety grants. The Department of Homeland Security awards and distributes the grants to applying local schools. The funds may be used to fund school resource officers, threat assessment, or equipment. Grant funds may also be used for training of school resource officers. Of the \$20 M appropriation, approximately \$7.8 M has been expended for grants and grants administration costs. Approximately \$12.2 M is available for further grants.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools, law enforcement agencies.

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